Management of the Vishwayatan Yogashram

1181. SHRI VIRENDRA KATARIA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the grants given to Vishwayatan Yogashram during the last three years, year-wise;

(b) whether any monitoring was done to ensure that grants given to the Yogashram was actually spent on the purposes for which it was obtained and if so, what are the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government have appointed the managing trustee of this Ashram and if so, when;

(d) whether it is a fact that the managing trustee was not allowed to enter the premises of the Yogashram in Katra when he went there to make an inventory of assets and liabilities of the Centre; and

(e) if so, what steps have been taken against the persons who did not permit him to enter the Yogashram?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C. SILVERA): (a) and (b) No grants have been given to Vishwayatan Yogashram for the last three years.

(c) Vaidya S. K. Sharma, an Officer in the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, was appointed by the Board of Trustees of Vishwayatan Yogashram in its meeting hled on 16-6-1994 as its Managing Trustee. He was permitted by the Govt. of India in the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare to accept this responsibility.

(d) Yes. Sir.

(e) The Government of Jammu and Kashmir have been requested by the Central Government to ensure that Vaidya S. K. Sharma, the Managing Trustee of Vishwayatan Yogashram is not obstructed when he goes to Katra to make an inventory of assets of Vishwayatan Yogashram at Katra and that necessary police protection be given to Vaidya Sharma and his staff in doing so.

Utilisation of budget allocation by Indian System of Medicine

1182. SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a proposal to set up separate Directorate of Indian Systems of Medicines and Homoeopathy; if so, the progress in this direction and the constitution, composition and functions of the same;

(b) the plan/Budget annual allocations separately for Allopathic, Ayurvedic, Homoeopathy and other Indian Systems of Medicines during the last five years, both original and revised, and actual expenditure against such allocations;

(c) whether it is a fact that Indian systems of Medicines, including Homoeopathy, has not been fully utilising the annual allocations; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor and the manner in which the potentials of these systems are sought to be fully utilised?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C. SILVERA): (a) Yes, Sir. The proposal for setting up a separate Department of Indian Systems of Medicine and Homoeopathy is still under consideration.

(b) As per statement enclosed. (See below).

(c) and (d) Yes Sir. About 80 per cent of the plan allocaion have been utilised. It is proposed to strengthen the Indian System of Medicine including Homoeopathy by setting up a separate Department in order to utilize their vast potentials.